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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Eastern Illinois University baseball players, TIM BOGAR (BUFFALO GROVE-ARLINGTON HEIGHTS) and ERIC HILLMAN (HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR), have signed professional baseball contracts with the New York Mets.

BOGAR was drafted in the 8th round while HILLMAN was a 16th round pick in the major league June draft.

Both have been assigned to the Little Falls (NY) Class A club in the New York-Penn League, according to EIU Coach TOM MCDEVITT.

BOGAR, a shortstop, was the AMCU-8 Most Valuable Player hitting .409 with 17 homers, 52 RBIs and 76 hits in 186 at-bats. The hits and homers were the second most ever in a single season for the Panthers.

HILLMAN, a lefthanded pitcher, was 5-5 with a 6.55 ERA, striking out 45 and walking 50 in 78 1/3 innings. In three years he had a 10-10 career record with 5.82 ERA.

"Tim definitely has some excellent tools . . . good power and a decent arm but he may end up playing some other position than shortstop," said McDevitt. "But one thing's for sure . . . he's not afraid to work.

"He was four-for-four in an intrasquad game at Little Falls the other day and all four were homers."

McDevitt said Hillman has "the ability to pitch in the major leagues but he has to learn to pitch inside and develop a change."

With these two signings, there now have been 21 players sign professional contracts since McDevitt became head coach 10 years ago, and at least one player has signed in all but one of those seasons.

EIU finished second in the AMCU-8 with a 31-22-1 record.